

9. (Amended) A method according to Claim 7, wherein the individual is an individual at risk for development of Crohn's disease.
10. (Amended) A method for predicting the likelihood that an individual will have Crohn's disease, comprising the steps of:
  - a) obtaining a DNA sample from an individual to be assessed; and
  - b) determining the nucleotide present at nucleotide position 218 relative to the 5' most nucleic acid in SEQ ID NO: 1127,wherein the presence of a cytosine at nucleotide position 218 is indicative of a reduced likelihood of Crohn's disease in the individual as compared with an individual having a guanine at nucleotide position 218.
12. (Amended) A method according to Claim 10, wherein the individual is an individual at risk for development of Crohn's disease.

### REMARKS

#### Amendments to the Specification

The Specification has been amended to remove embedded hyperlinks or other forms of browser-executable code in the Specification. Support for this amendment can be found in the in the Specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

#### Claim Amendments

Claims 8 and 11 have been cancelled herein.

Claim 7 has been amended to recite a method for predicting the likelihood that an individual will have Crohn's disease, comprising the steps of a) obtaining a DNA sample from an individual to be assessed; and b) determining the nucleotide present at nucleotide position 218 relative to the 5' most nucleic acid in SEQ ID NO: 1127, wherein the presence of a guanine at nucleotide position 218 is indicative of a greater likelihood of Crohn's disease in the individual as compared with an individual having a cytosine at nucleotide position 218. Support for this